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Hispanic Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric





What Does Hispanic Mean?

The word 'Hispanic' is actually a cultural or ethnic term. There is no single Hispanic nationality.



Who is Hispanic?

The U.S. Census Bureau classifies Hispanics as Americans who trace their ancestry to:

- Mexico
- Puerto Rico
- Cuba
- Spain
- Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America
- Dominican Republic
- And other Spanish cultures, regardless of race.



Who is not Hispanic?

The Bureau excludes people from countries where Spanish is not the primary language spoken--such as Brazil, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad, Belize and Portugal.



Recognized Group Names Include:

- ***Hispanic*** – generally used by Cubans, Puerto Ricans and other Caribbean people who consider their cultural heritage linked to Spain.



Recognized Group Names Include:

- ***Latino*** (Latina for women) – generally used by descendants of Latin America (Mexico, Central America, and South America).



Recognized Group Names Include:

- ***Chicano*** (Chicana for women) – generally used by people of Mexican ancestry wishing to distinguish their heritage from those of other Latin American countries. The term Mexican American is becoming a popular replacement.



Recognized Group Names Include:

- ***Hispano*** (Hispana for women) – generally used by the direct descendants of Spanish conquistadors and other Spanish settlers of the U.S. southwest (who did not immigrate from Latin America).



Where do Hispanics Come From?

Hispanics come from many races.

Hispanic bloodlines include:

- Arawaks (Puerto Rico)
- Aztecas (Mexico)
- Incas (South America)
- Maya (Central America)
- Tainos (Cuba, Puerto Rico and other places)
- Spanish explorers and Africans who were brought as slaves to the New World

Hispanics come from over
20 different nations!

ARGENTINA



BOLIVIA



CHILE



COLOMBIA



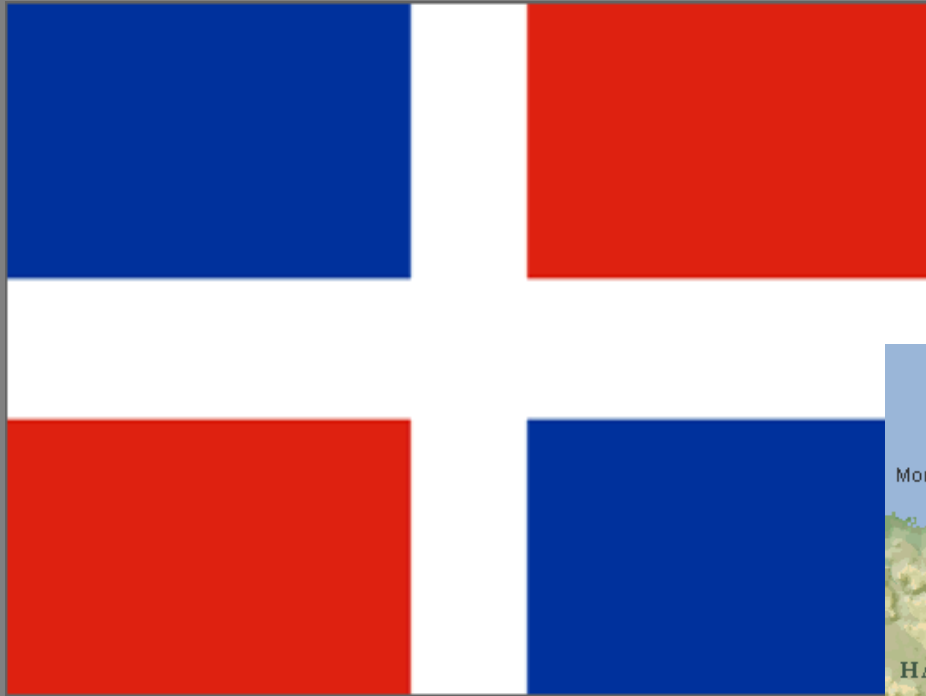
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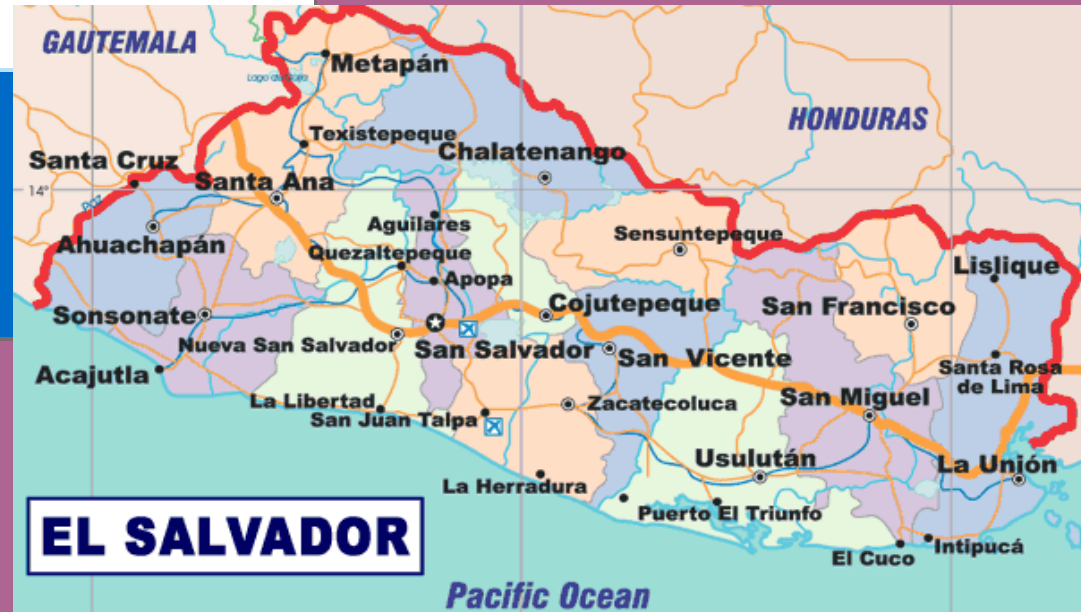
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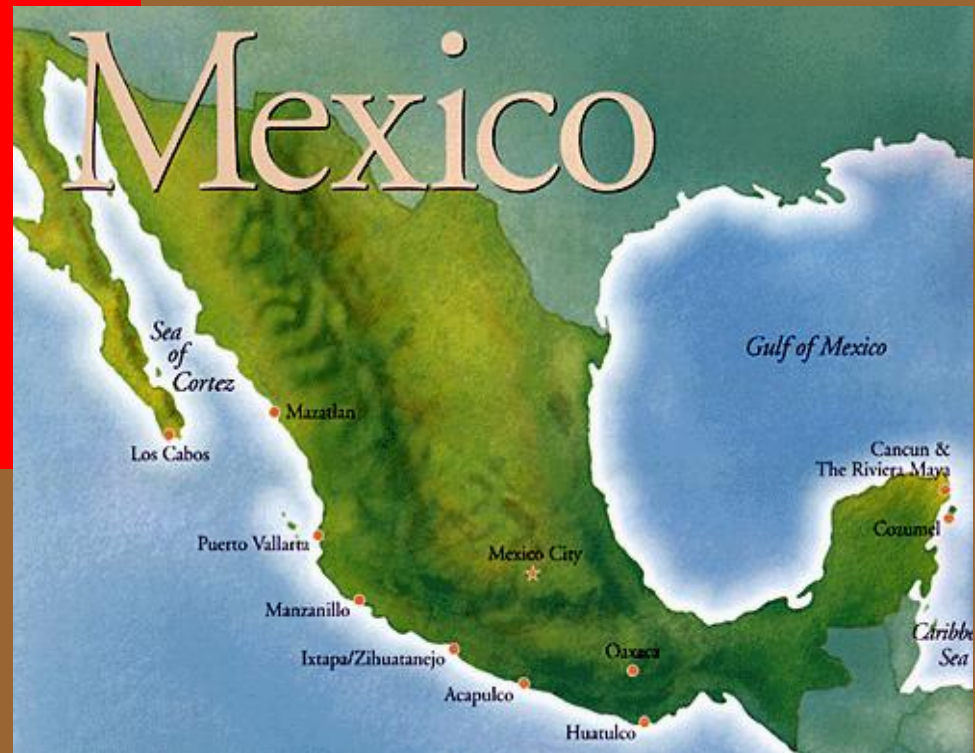
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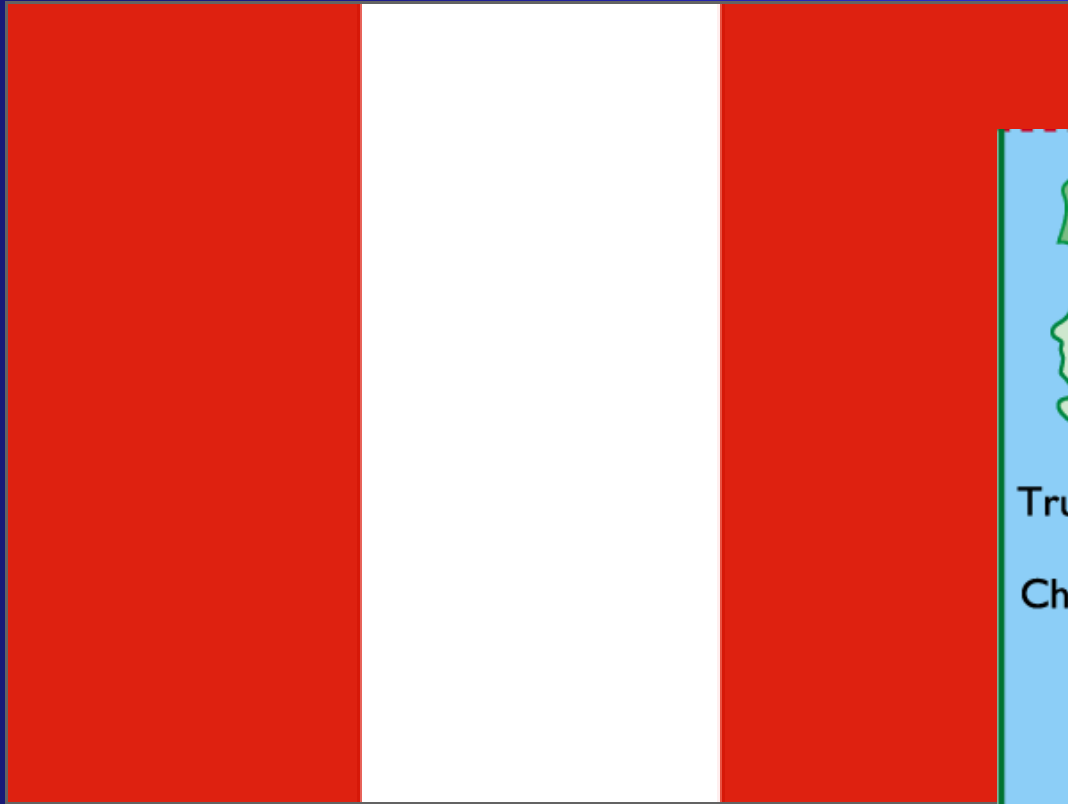
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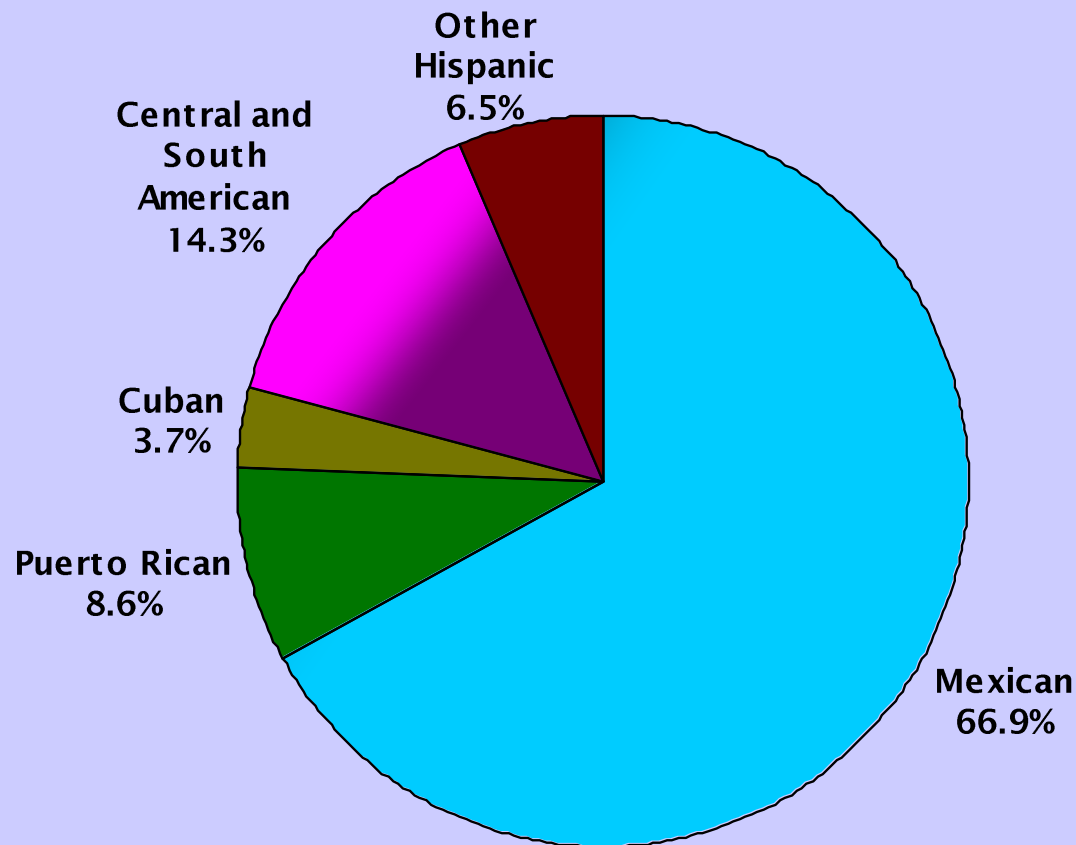
Hispanic Population

In March 2002, there were 37.4 million Hispanics in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States.

- 13.3% of the U.S. population is Hispanic.**
- People of Mexican origin comprise 66.9% of the U.S. Hispanic population.**

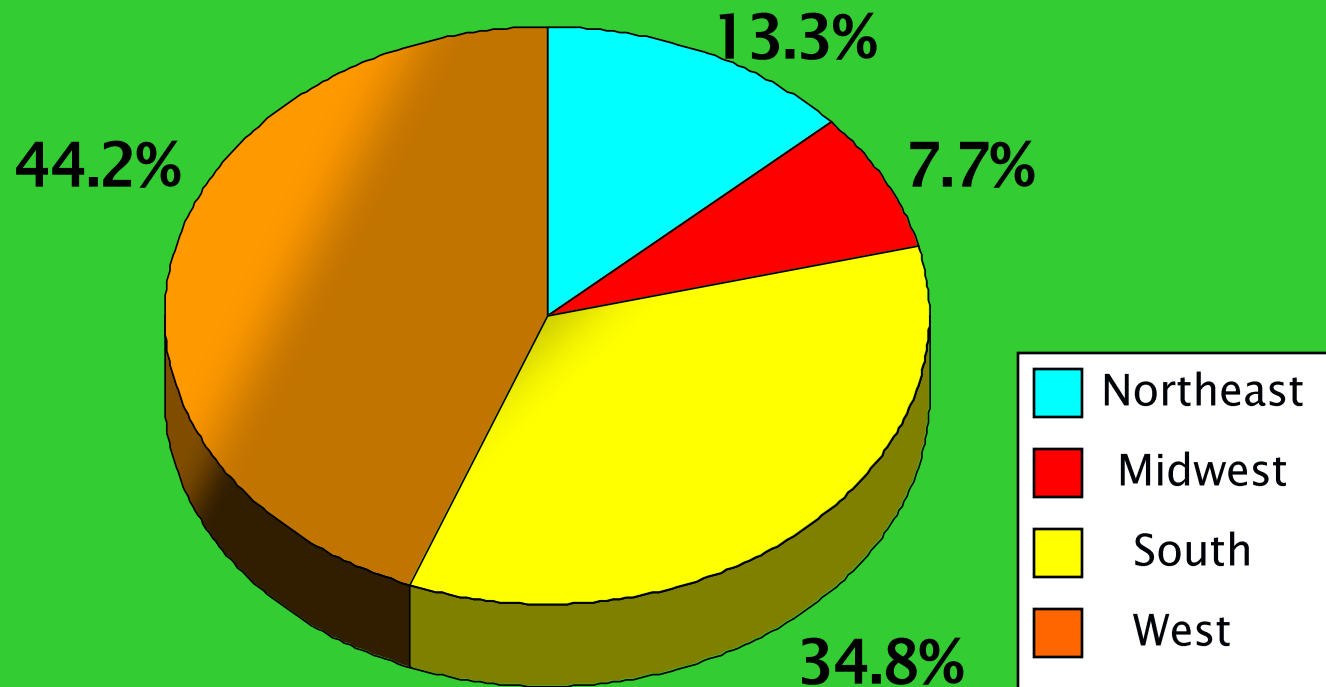


Percent Distribution of Hispanics by Type: 2002





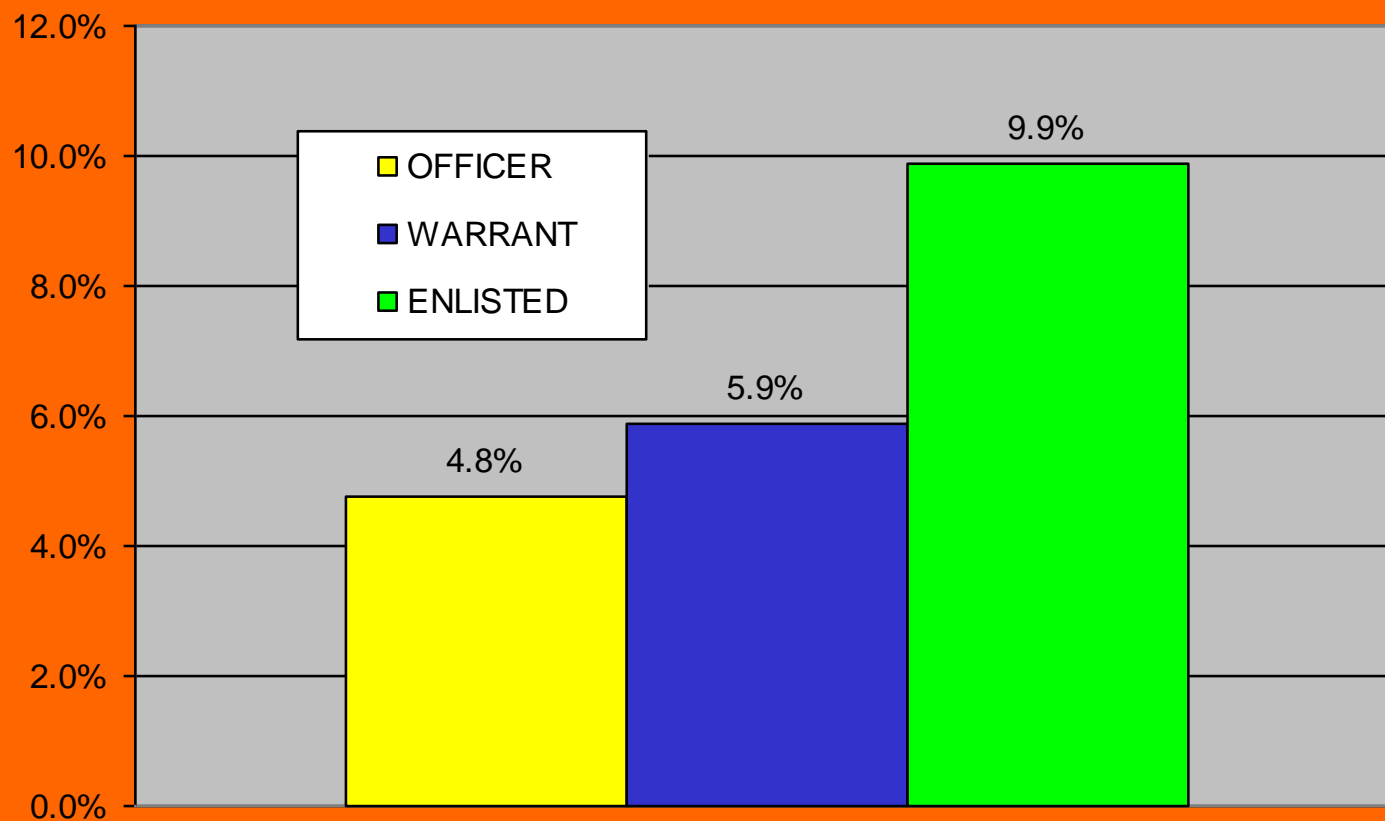
Regional Population Distribution by Hispanic Origin: 2002





Active Duty Hispanics

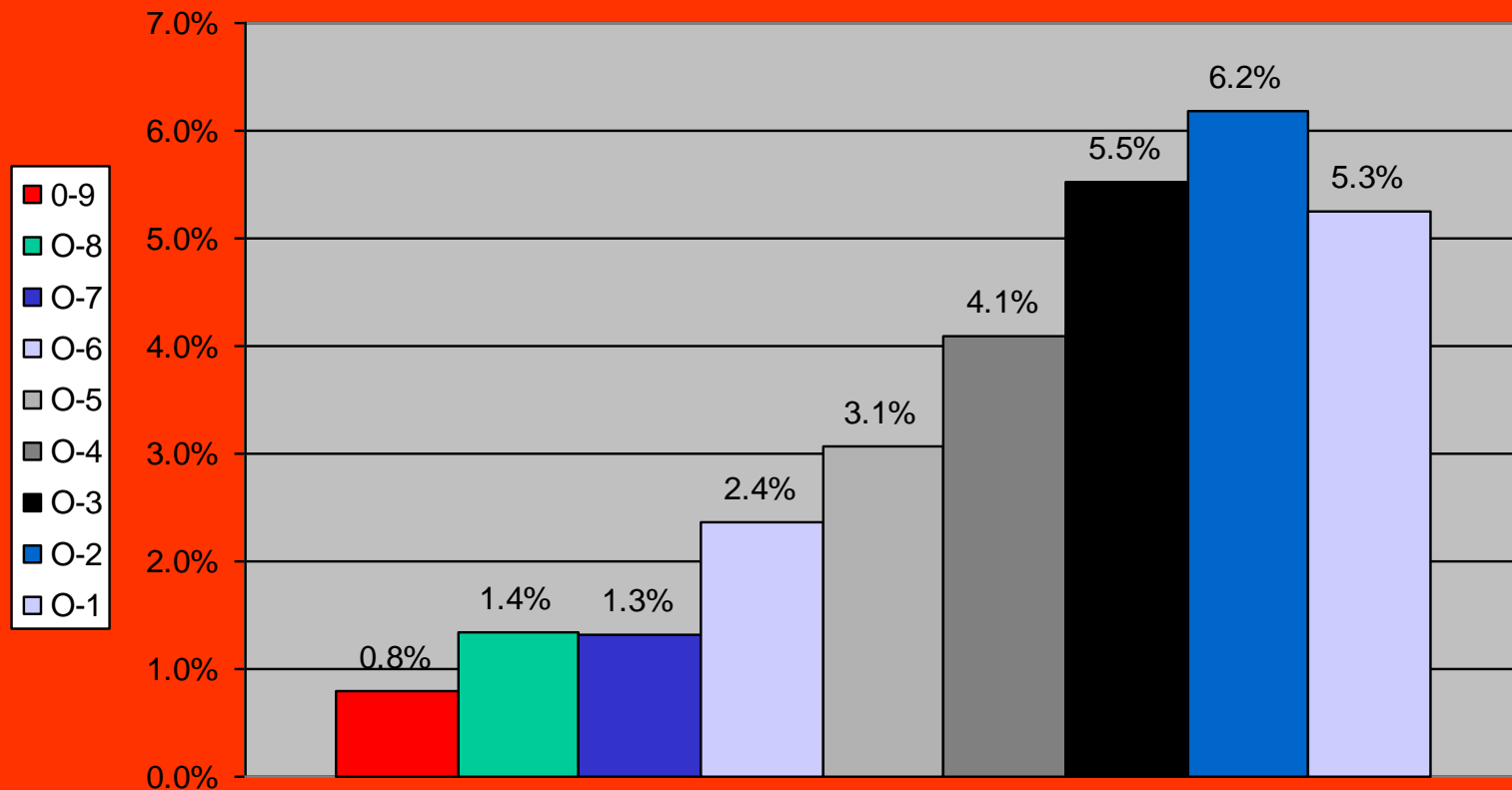
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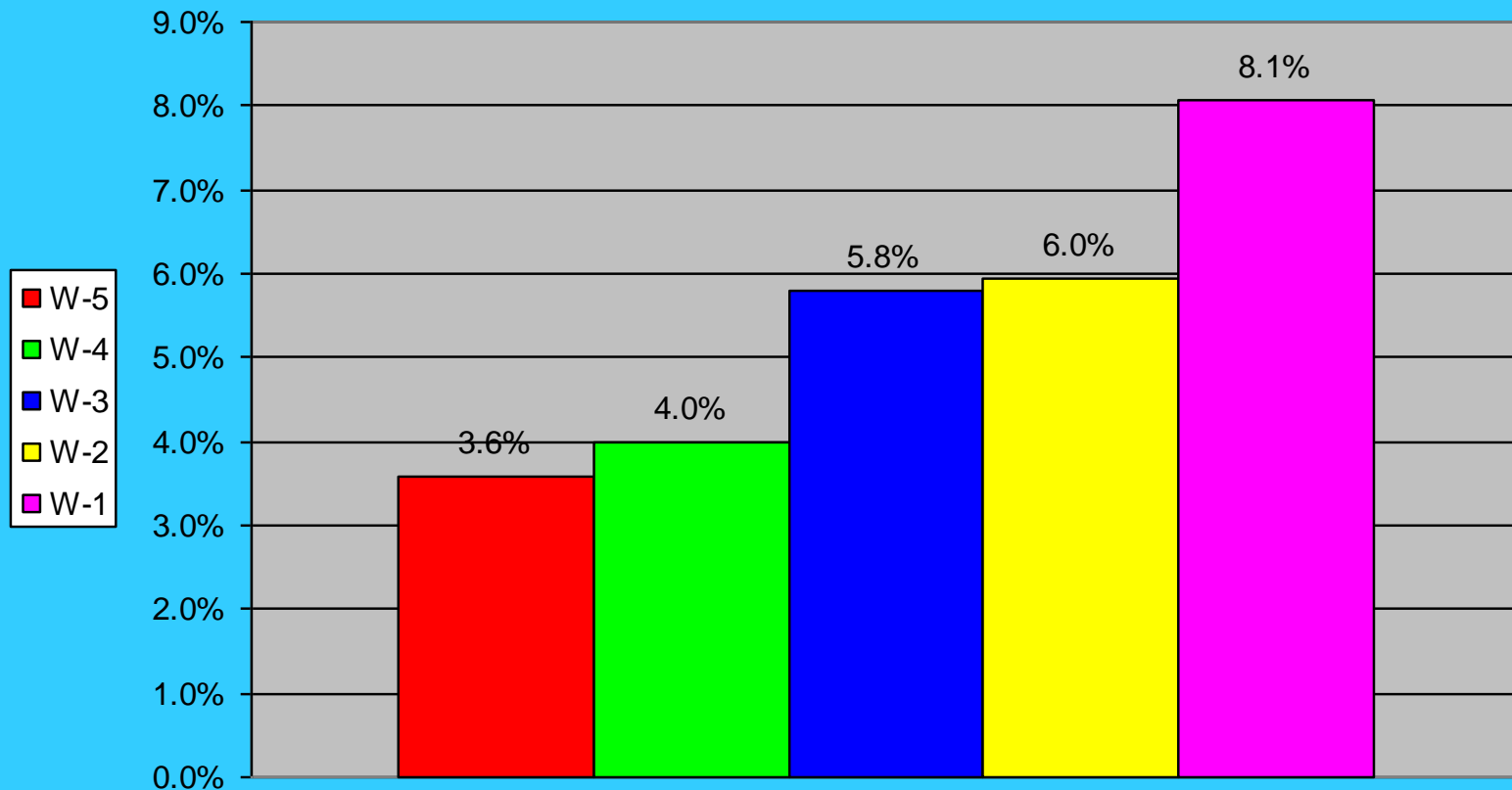
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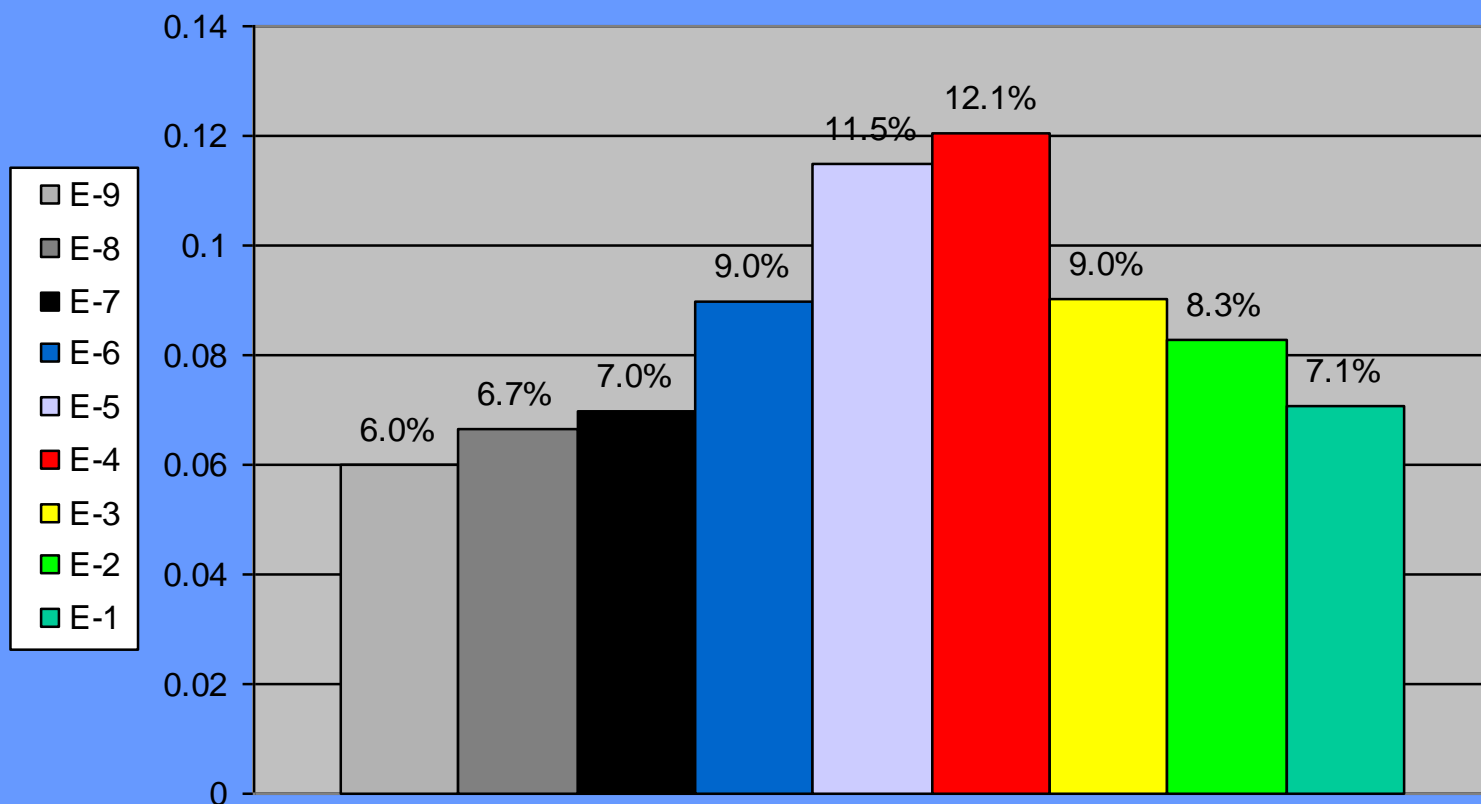


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Active Duty Hispanic Enlisted March 2005





Reserve Hispanics

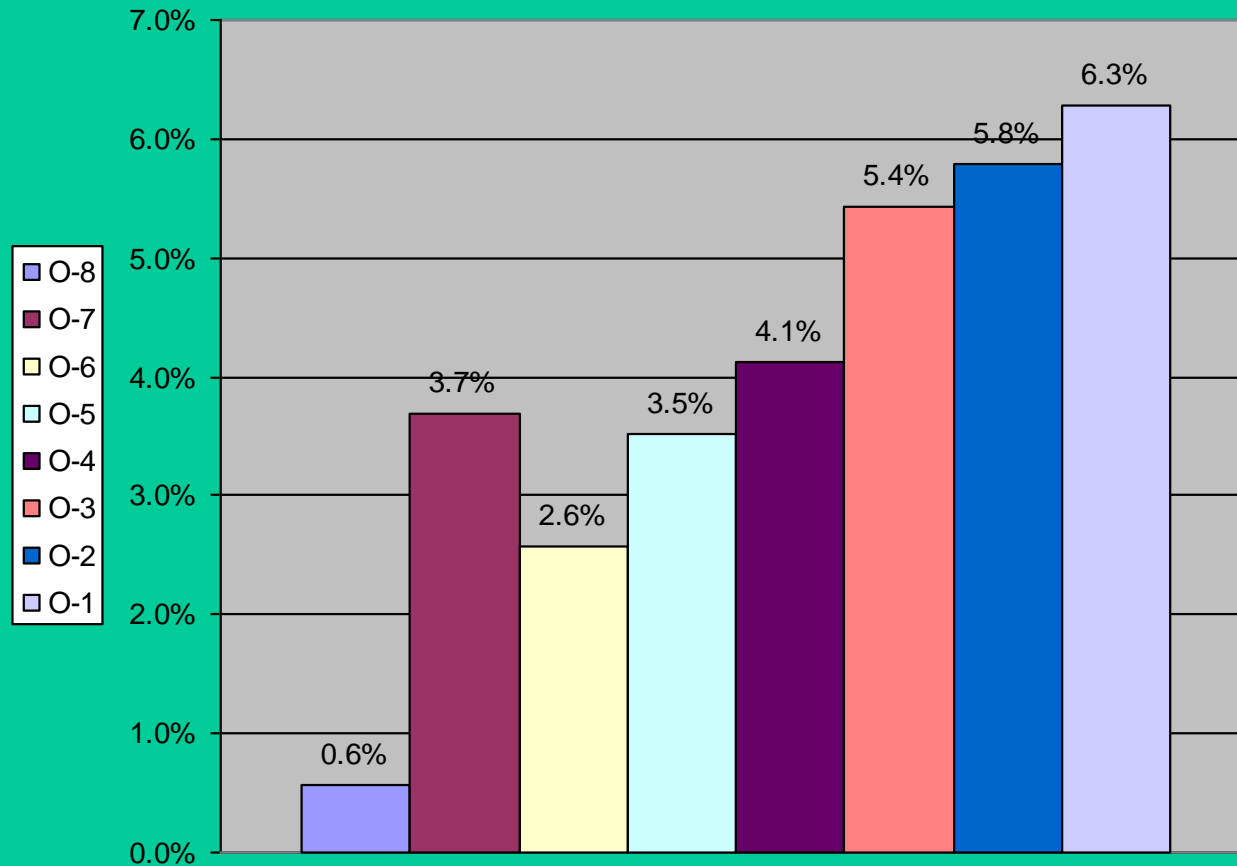
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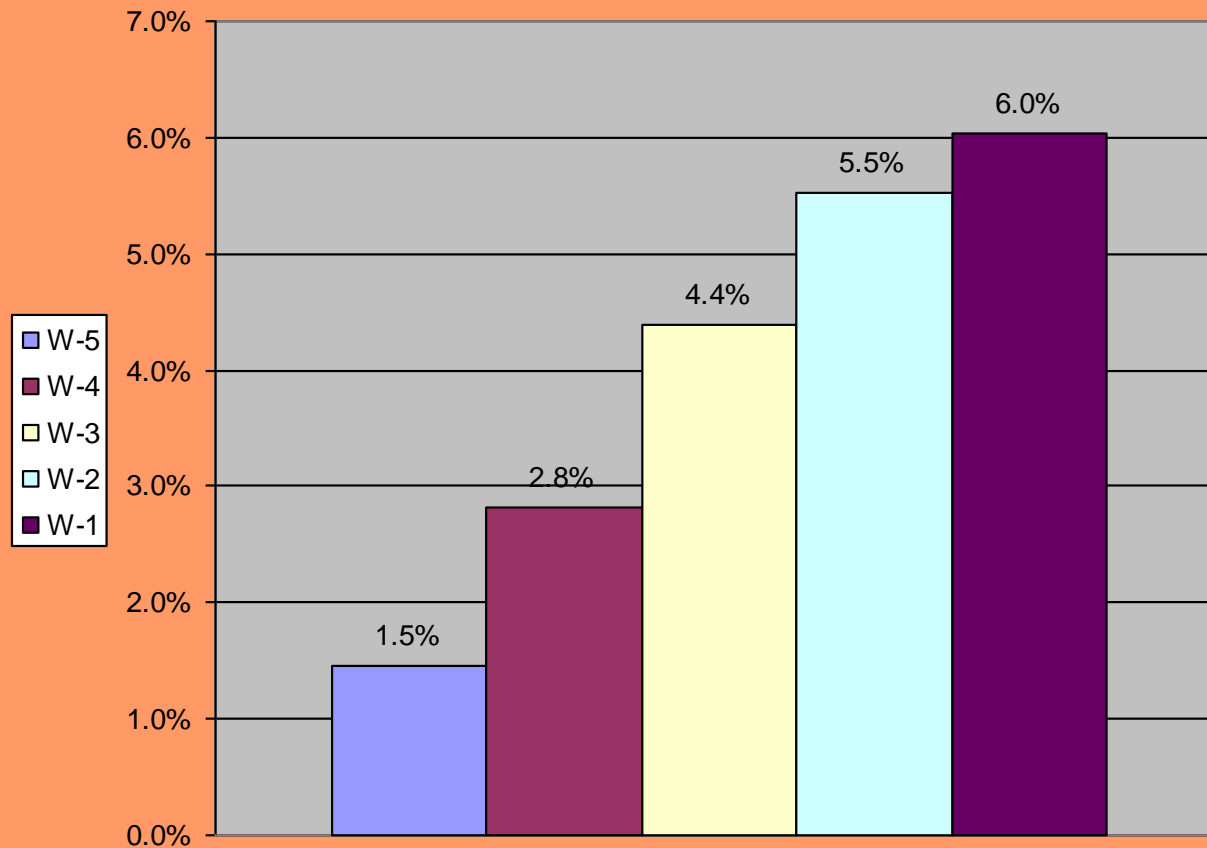
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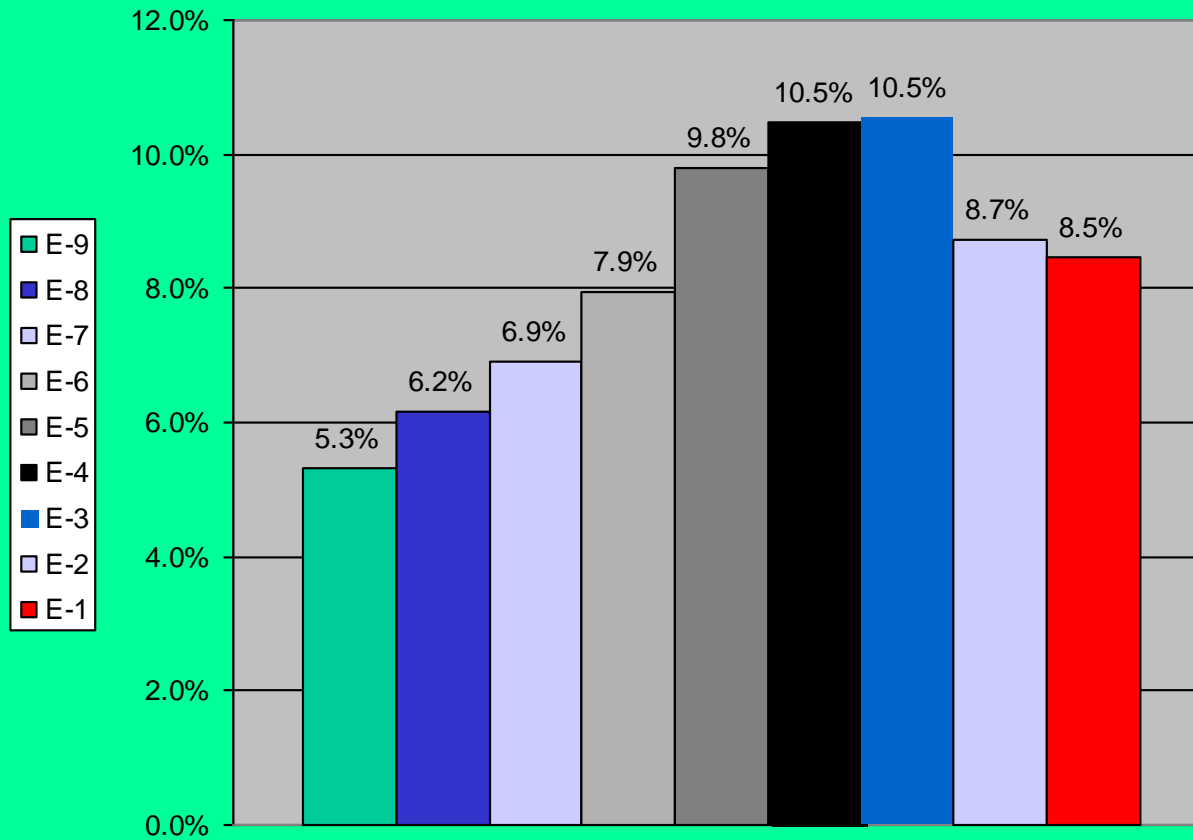


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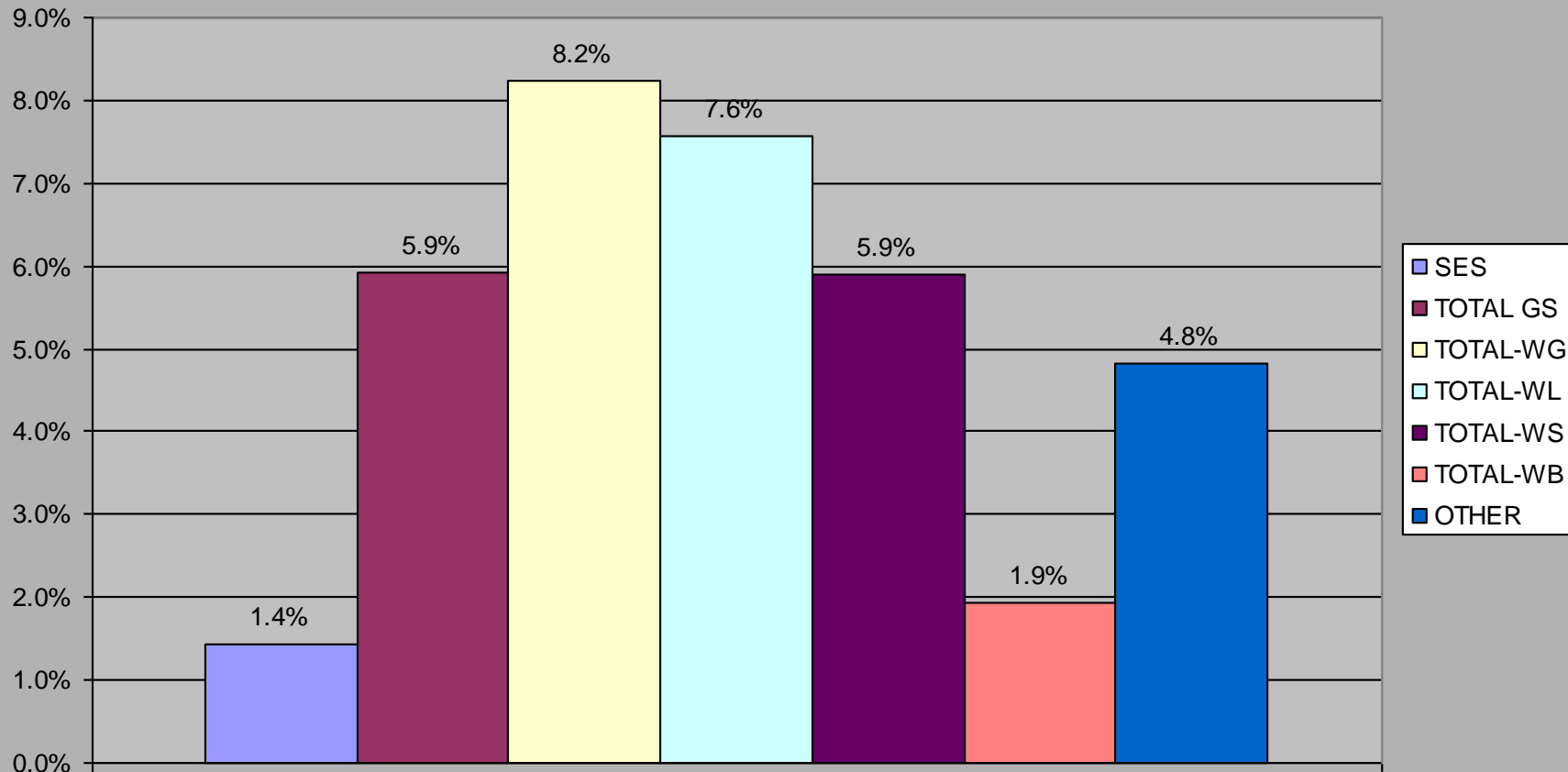


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